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FOR IO/MPR BRIAN G. HACKETT AND USUN/MR BENJAMIN GARCIA

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SUBJECT: ITALY WILL CONSIDER UN INTERNAL JUSTICE REFORM CONCERNS

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Poloff delivered reftel demarche March 16 to MFA UN Office Director Leonardo Bencini, explaining U.S. concerns with proposals to reform the UN's internal Administration of Justice and urging Italy to examine the full extent of human resources, legal, and accompanying financial implications. Bencini responded that Italy had not focused in detail on the issue, and expected an EU common position on the proposals. Poloff reiterated our strong concerns and urged Italy to take a closer look at the proposed changes. Bencini promised the MFA would study the issue.

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